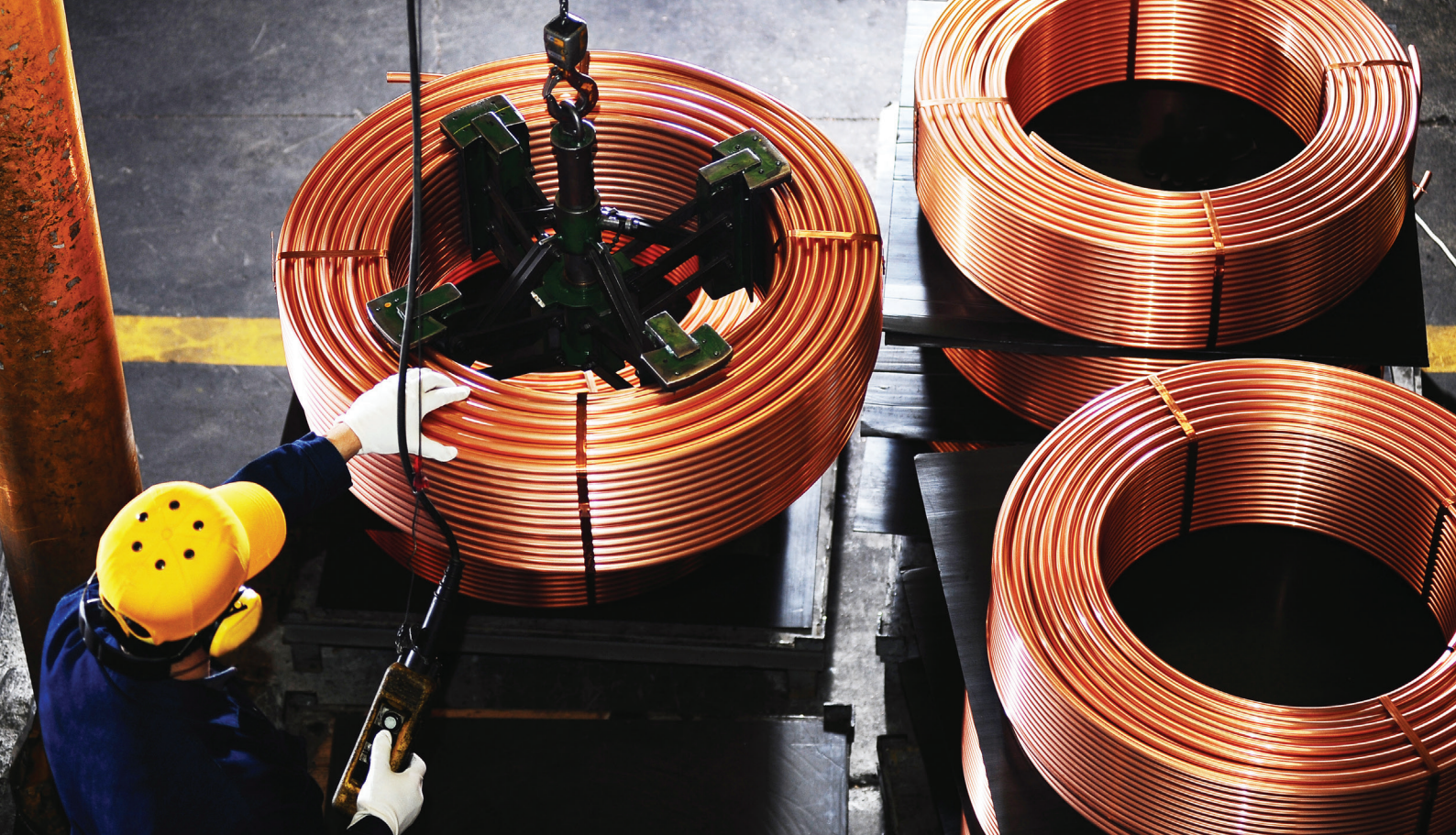


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Study objective

A number of authorities have expressed alarm as to whether there will be enough minerals to meet the requirements for the goal of Net-Zero Emissions by 2050. These include, among others, the US government, the European Union, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the International Energy Agency (IEA). The last, the IEA, has summarized the challenge as being driven by the move from “a fuel-intensive to a mineral-intensive energy system.”

This study seeks to respond to that concern by focusing on copper, which can be described as the “metal of electrification.” Many nations, including the United States and the European Union, have set Net-Zero Emissions by 2050 as their climate goal. Accordingly, this target was chosen as the basis for the study.

The study seeks to quantify the amount of additional copper that will be required by increased electrification and the energy transition—most specifically, the rapid move to electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable electricity and the need for increased electricity infrastructure. It concludes that copper demand will double by 2035 and continue to grow thereafter. On the supply side, it finds how challenging that will be, whether on the basis of current trends or with an unprecedented acceleration of supply from mining and recycling.

The study makes no policy recommendations. Rather, it seeks to respond to the urgent concern of the authorities above and others by quantifying the copper requirements of Net-Zero Emissions by 2050 and benchmarking them against the supply response. We hope that this study will be a contribution to the continuing dialog about achieving Net-Zero Emissions by 2050.

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Chapter 5. What does this mean for supply?

The preceding sections have quantified how the requirements of the energy transition on top of traditional copper end markets will dramatically increase the overall demand for copper—roughly doubling from current levels by 2035, an unprecedented increase. The amount of copper required between 2022 and 2050 is more than all the copper consumed in the world between 1900 and 2021. But will there be enough supply to meet these demand ambitions?

Demand has been tested against two supply scenarios—High Ambition and Rocky Road. The name “High Ambition” is in the spirit of the oft-repeated phrase that “greater ambition” is needed to achieve 2050 goals. “Rocky Road” reflects all the challenges along the road from excavating rock to finished copper product. Both scenarios make clear that it will be extremely difficult to deliver that scale of supply over the time frame. The annual shortfall in High Ambition is, at its highest, 1.6 MMt in 2035. Meanwhile, the shortfall under Rocky Road is much larger at 9.9 MMt in 2035.

Neither scenario presented should be interpreted as a baseline forecast. Rather, they provide a framework for understanding the scale and challenges of meeting the copper supply requirements of Net-Zero Emissions by 2050 whether based on current trends or on a major acceleration.

The scenarios describe two different supply responses. In High Ambition, the supply system is put to the test. It is based on performance levels that were achieved in earlier years, plus a major increase in recycling and in which, overall, things go forward without much disruption. Rocky Road represents a continuation of trends as they are today and have been for the past several years of high prices.

There are three possible legs to increasing supply. One is new mines or major expansion of existing mines. The second is higher capacity utilization—that is, increasing output as a percentage of a mine’s total capacity. The third is the “aboveground mine”—recycling—that is extracting copper from discarded batteries, old wiring, and other equipment.

One way to meet the demand growth would be to develop and open new mines. Theoretically, future demand could be met by opening three “tier-one” mines, each producing 300,000 metric tons of copper per year every year for the next 29 years. That would be a monumental and taxing job, and without any precedent historically and costing over \$500 billion in today’s dollars. Moreover, it can take more than a decade and a half to develop a new mine. So, growth in capacity comes from a combination of expanding existing mines and progress in opening mines currently under development. This means an average annual increase in capacity of 2.9% from 2021 and 2035, which is a continuation of the recent trend. And then, with an expanded base, it drops to 1.6% between 2036 and 2050.

So, instead, the two scenarios are built around the other variables—utilization and recycling.